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LOYAL THOUGH DRUNK.

It was said, according to an afternoon paper, that one of the sailors who was in the parade a few days ago commented on the fact that while the band was playing America, on the downtown streets only one person was seen to remove his hat in respect; and that person was a drunken Negro man. The Negro may have been drunk as the sailor has stated, and like others of his race; shunned, mocked and spurned; but even though drunk, there is something divine about a devotion and loyalty that refuses to be dimmed by the fumes of liquor. It must certainly have been a pathetic sight to have seen hundreds of white men and women, evidently of culture and refinement and with every advantage in the gift of civilization, men and women who proudly proclaim their American citizenship and who recognize nor know barriers of caste, refuse, either through ignorance or crude disrepect, to uncover when the country's most patriotic air is being played. There is a saying that "Every cloud has a silvery lining," and in this particular case, the abused and baffled black man proved to be the "lining," even though 'twas said he was drunk.

MAY GOD BLESS OUR FRIENDS.

A friendless man is to be pitied. A race of people without friends is indeed a condition to be deplored. With the millstone of color prejudice weighing down our race, we are always grateful for any favorable expression coming from those who believe in the golden rule, whether it be public, press or person we welcome a friendly word.

The following editorial appeared in the Detroit Free Press of March 23d, and has such a ring of truth, that we feel it duty to reprint it in order that the ashes of hope may be reinvited:

The Color Line.

"An item in a Massachusetts paper reports the act of a young Negro who, having been discharged from a factory, returned and wounded the man whom he held accountable for his discharge, alleging a conspiracy against him on account of his color. The Negro is a graduate of Tuskegee and is reputed a fairly capable mechanician. He claims to have been several times discriminated against on account of his race, and after arrest commented with bitterness on the injustice of sending men to Europe to fight for liberty and democracy while sustaining at home an autocracy that denies him because of his color, a right to engage in any but the most menial work."

"The story, somewhat curiously, comes from New England, credited three years ago with having the hatred of colored men 'instinct' and 'with having done more toward inciting the war to free slaves than any other section of the United States.' The constitutional abolition of slavery did not entirely solve the Negro problem, the economic phase remaining with us. Endeavors to stimulate the Negro's desire for an education and his ambition to become a property owner are negatived by the altitude which restricts his industrial chances after he has qualified himself for something better than the three opportunities which a young colored man in this city, once indignantly complained were all that opened before him: a place as barber, porter or waiter. Labor unions take a very liberal view of the rights of colored people, but personal prejudice is hindering them. Yet how can we demand equality for other people while denying the right to live to certain of our own citizens because of their complexion?"

"The Negro has been encouraged to self-improvement. But the more he is educated and trained as a bread-winner the more emphatically he will resent discrimination and injustice of the kind that denies him the right to live by his labor. And injustice often acts as a boomerang, returning with deplorable evils in its train."

"With \$10,000 Negro troops co-operating in the endeavor to win the war, and colored women as busy in Red Cross activities as the white, it is unpatriotic for employers to discriminate against, or for men to refuse association in labor with colored folk."

Monday evening, April 1, there will be a special service conducted by Dr. Wilson, who is now in the city, at the Tabernacle Baptist Church, an address that promises to be a masterpiece, and vital to the welfare of our people in general. We expect many to attend.

We are pleased to say that Sister Moseley, who is now in the hospital, is doing nicely, following a recent operation. Her indications bespeak speedy recovery.

Don't forget the red-letter Sunday, March 23, and the anticipated Monday evening, April 1.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

These are days of much concern with the members of the "Old Mother Church."

We have known for some months that our dear ones to move into new quarters was to lose their beloved old church, but to worse is to gain much, yes, practically everything.

We are now so near the goal that the future has diminished almost entirely.

Committees have been appointed to invite the churches of the city, as well as the fraternities, both secret and open, to the great grand parade from the old church to the new.

The committees have the date and as soon as they are able to report from

the various organizations a public announcement will be made.

God has wonderfully blessed us. It seems marvelous to us when we think of what has been accomplished thus far.

Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) cash in the amount we must pay before entering our new home.

God has given us a little, without a dime and today, while we cannot announce the entire amount is in hand.

We feel perfectly satisfied that the money will be forthcoming in a few days.

Our friends have had much to do with this surprising success. Many have helped us. Others are going to help us.

The public is going to render sym-pathetic financial aid because St. Paul's is the Mother Church.

Sunday before last, the pastor, Rev. Dr. Wilson, was at heat wave.

Passion Dunavant and Morris with their good people came to us and collected \$72.25.

Our Moderator and Vice-Moderator showed their interest in our gathering people.

We would request that all members and friends who have obligated themselves to help us, report not later than the 1st Sunday in April.

With us next Sunday and his pastor Maxwell on his Easter theme.

Don't be misled! We are still in our old building.

ST. PAUL'S A. M. E. CHURCH NOTES

The eighteenth shall flourish as a palm tree. Sunday being Easter Sunday it was naturally expected that the triumphant entry into Jerusalem of our blessed Savior would be the discourse of the day.

Something somewhat contrary to our expectation the pastor sought another route, and for this reason considered the day a loss.

He left the pulpit, and instead of our palm tree, and especially so when our eyes are filled with good deeds, Christian developments, including genuine courage, claimed a greater part of the pastor's sermon.

A more timely discourse on Palm Sunday, and its meaning upon our pastor's theme.

In all of his sermons he speaks of the beautiful city beyond with all of its glories, but lays greater stress on the meaning above.

And the beauty part of his preaching and teaching is telling his congregation to live as living birds.

He will preach on the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Special invitation to strangers.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

1429 N. 12th St.

Palm Sunday was dissected and reconstructed to suit the modern minds and interests of the people. At 10 o'clock Rev. Ifeanyi E. St. Louis, the subject was handled in masterly fashion and all received new impressions right from Luke 12:13, through his apostle.

The Sunday school will render a program which will be both edifying and instructive.

The pastor on last Sunday night preached on the last judgment (or prediction of one blind bird) to see Jesus.

On Sunday, April 1, 1912, Rev. D. W. Morris, Pastor.

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday services were well attended.

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. Wm. J. Perry, Rev. Mr. Cole, filled in.

Mr. Perry, Rev. Mr. Cole, and Rev. Mr. Dobkins conducted an evangelistic meeting at the First Free Baptist Church.

He just from Champagné, where he conducted a day-long meeting against the King of France.

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